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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to phone interview on August 1, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-20.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sunhee Lee (Reg. No. 53,892) on August 1, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

11. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a polyether derivative, comprising:

causing a polyether derivative represented by the following general formula (II) to react with an aromatic nitro compound represented by the following general formula (III); and

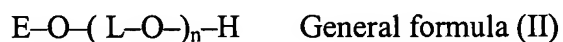
carrying out hydrogen reduction in the presence of a catalyst for catalytic hydrogen reduction to thereby yield a polyether derivative represented by the following general formula (I),



wherein, in the general formula (I), X^1 represents $-CO-$ or $-SO_2-$; Ar^1 represents unsubstituted arylene, or arylene substituted with a halogen atom, or an alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl or cyano group; L represents alkylene; m is 1 or 2; A represents an alkyl, aryl or acyl group; and n is an average addition mole number of a polyether group, and is a numerical value of 10 to 500,

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wherein, in the general formulae (II) and (III), E represents an alkyl, aryl or acyl group; X represents X^1 ; Ar represents Ar^1 ; p represents m; L represents alkylene; and n is an average addition mole number of a polyether group, and is a numerical value of 10 to 500



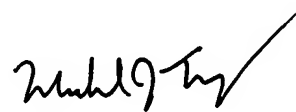
Communication

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael J. Feely whose telephone number is 571-272-1086. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy Gulakowski can be reached on 571-272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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